

### **Request for Continued Examination**

Applicant hereby submits a Request for Continued Examination pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.114. Applicant has satisfied the requirements for an effective Request for Continued Examination by:

1. Submitting a request for continued examination prior to any payment of an issue fee, abandonment of the application, or filing of a notice of appeal;
2. Submitting a request after the issuance of a final office action, thereby closing prosecution in this application;
3. Submitting a reply to the final Office action in accordance with 37 C.F.R. Section 1.111; and
4. Paying the fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(e).

Therefore, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. Section 1.114(d), applicant requests the withdrawal of the finality of the present Office action and the entrance and consideration of the submission.